

SUMMARY OF IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK INTO CANADA

The existence of foot-and-mouth disease and other serious animal diseases in many countries with which Canada trades requires the greatest vigilance with regard to overseas importations. All importations are controlled by regulations made under the Animal Contagious Diseases Act.

Imported livestock and poultry must be presented for inspection at quarantine and inspection ports, and are submitted to certain tests as required. In the case of cattle, these include brucellosis, tuberculosis and Johne's disease.

With the exception of dogs, the importation of livestock from countries other than the United States is on a permit system. No permits are issued for the importation of swine and ruminants from infected countries. At the present time, the only countries regarded as free from foot-and-mouth disease are the United States, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, and Ireland. Under special measures, permits have been issued for importations from Great Britain subject to the animals undergoing a 60-day stay in Scotland, immediately preceding embarkation for Canada and a further period of 30 days or more on arrival in Canada. (Scotland at the time of the shipment being free from foot-and-mouth disease).

All importations must be direct to Canada and by boat. Wild ruminants are subject to the same import requirements as domestic animals.

Legislative authority permits flexibility to deal with the changing world animal disease situation. For example, outbreaks of epizootics may result in a temporary prohibition against importations until such outbreaks have been fully eradicated; thus, permitting consideration of imports again.

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this direction. A logical beginning would be to establish societies to cover the basic specialties of Small Animal Practice, Agronomic Practice and Veterinary Research.

This year's C.V.M.A. meeting at Guelph should be as well attended as any to date especially since it is scheduled to coincide with the O.V.C. centennial celebration. Surely this would be an opportune time to commence the organization of national societies of veterinarians with common interests. It has often been said that many veterinarians in this country take too little interest in the affairs of our national organization. We feel that the formation of smaller groups with common professional interests would increase awareness of the potentialities of the C.V.M.A. and would serve as a foundation for the day when certification of veterinary specialists becomes necessary or desirable in this country.

In This Issue

The progressive eradication of tuberculosis in Canadian cattle accompanied by a marked decline in the number of tuberculin reactors has accentuated the problem of differentiating cross reactions from true tuberculin reactions. Dr. Rice and co-workers report the results of comparing the activities of several bovine type tuberculins by complement-fixation test methods, on Page 71

The susceptibility of chicken red blood cells to hemagglutination is known to be subject to variation between individuals. The relations between the agglutinability of chicken red blood cells and their blood type was investigated by Dr. Cochrane and Miss Gray and reported, on Page 81

Under certain circumstances, sterilization may offer economic advantages over castration insofar as beef production is concerned. Dr. Greselin reviews the literature on this subject and includes a discussion of three methods of sterilization applicable to the bull, on Page 84

Notice of Meeting

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